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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCTION OF METAL SLURRY, AND  
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCTION OF INGOT

**RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 14, 2009, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 24-29, for examination. Furthermore, Applicants provisionally elect for examination purposes only, Species Ia, which encompasses at least Claim 24.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.